IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC

WEDNESDAY, THE 26TH SEPTEMBER 2007 / 4TH ASWINA 1929

WP(C).No. 28576 of 2007(B)

PETITIONER:

NOOH,S/O. KOYA 5/3688,
POKKATT HOUSE, THRURANGADI,
MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.K.K.MOHAMED RAVUF

RESPONDENTS:

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1. THE STATE OF KERALA,
REPRESENTED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY,
GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, MALAPPURAM.

3. THE TAHSILDAR, TIRURANGADI.

4. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER,
TIRURANGADI POLICE STATION,
TIRURANGADI TALUK,
MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI. M.P.SREEKRISHNAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 26/09/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

ANTONY DOMINIC,J.

W.P (C) No. 28576 of 2007

Dated this the 26th day of September, 2007

J U D G M E N T

Though various grounds have been raised including those against the validity of the Act itself, petitioner only complains that there is inordinate delay in the finalisation of the proceedings initiated under the Protection of River Banks and Regulation of Removal of Sand Rules and Act.

2. Exhibit P2 is the Mahazar prepared when the vehicle of the petitioner was seized on the allegation that it was engaged in the unauthorised transportation of river sand. Since then proceedings have not progressed in any manner. At this stage, the appropriate order that can be passed is to direct the 2nd respondent to finalise the proceedings pursuant to Exhibit - P2, as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within 10 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

Petitioner shall produce a copy of this judgment before the 2nd respondent, for compliance.

(ANTONY DOMINIC, JUDGE)

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K.THANKAPPAN,J

CRL.A. NO.92 OF 1999

ORDER

25th May, 2007